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Prof. Dr. Asa Gray, Cambridge

My dear Sir,

First of all: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May it be my good fortune to congratulate you for many many years to come.

I am in possession of Volume first of the Bot. of Calif. Could not wait any longer, so I bought it.

Part first of Vol. first of Hookers & Bentham's Gener. Suppos. Part second might be divided and send by mail.

We have no rains; but instead
of it weather not to be surpassed
any where. Too good entirely!

I should like to have some
duplicates of fungi from Prof.
Parlow, but I hardly dare
to ask him for it directly. I
am of the opinion there is much
to be done yet here in this line.
But in order to be able to make
good specimens, it is necessary
to see some.

My room, especially built
for my herbarium, is now com-
pleted; and my plants partly
arranged. I am now ready
to enter again the arena and
do something in botany by way
of collecting.

Hoping to hear soon from
you, I am Yours
most sincerely
A. S. Bolander

If you want to get
Californian Fungi:

— here is a fine chance

A.S.